

July 7, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Glover, McGannon, Muilenburg, Fliehs, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,986.72	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,985.83	salaries
Public Works Payroll	19,349.79	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	12,950.09	salaries
First State Bank	9,727.68	ss & wh
City of Groton	241.78	dep ref, postage
Cons Fed Cr Union	2,225.00	emp savings
US Post Office	208.79	postage
Rod Hinrichs Estate	27.94	deposit refund
Traci Davies	66.91	deposit refund
Jeremy Cutler	31.67	deposit refund
Justin Hanson	150.00	Teener Tourn Fee
Patrick Krause	75.00	Jr Teener Tourn Fee
A & B Business	145.30	ink
A-1 Sanitation	1,600.00	dumpster rent
April Abeln	642.13	med flex
Altec Industries	1,169.78	repairs
Badger Meter	215.25	gateway service
Border States	798.00	terminators
Business Forms & Acct	291.92	checks
Cannon Tech/Cooper Power	878.22	meters
Cashway Dist	593.33	candy, chips, warmer
Chase Visa	2,993.75	motel, supplies, gas, alternator
Chief Supply	11.79	light
Clark Engineering	25,094.60	engineering
Climate Control	1,202.36	dustproofing
Colonial Research	378.20	deodorizer, lube
Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply	279.23	sling, rope, swivel
Darrel's	250.80	tire repairs, battery, nozzle
Ditch Witch	29.50	probe
Duane's	1,807.17	gas, propane, repair
Farmers Union Coop	161.00	gas
Fire Safety First	340.30	ext insp
Fordham Signs	245.00	sign
Graham Tire	73.25	repair
Groton Independent	45.47	publishing
Groton Vet Clinic	5.00	bowl
Harry Implement	40.96	blades
Heartland Cons Power District	26,598.87	power
Heartland Waste	6,270.64	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	842.18	phone, internet
Johnson, Drew	1,000.00	legal serv
Robert Johnson Constr	290,074.09	const
Tricia Keith	24.98	buoys
Bruce Kleinsasser	599.00	lifeguard training

Paul Kosel	303.87	med flex
Krueger Brothers	14,634.24	gravel
Travis Kurth	60.00	gas
Lien Trans	715.40	hot mix
Lifeguard Store	347.00	lockers
Locators & Supplies	1,983.93	cabinet,cans
Anita Lowary	1,038.87	med flex, mileage
Mac's	12.00	cable,clamp
Terry Merkel	850.00	doze dump
Miracle Recreation	501.00	seats,chains
NW Energy	1,427.11	nat gas
Olson Backhoe	474.49	trenching, digging
Mike Olson	75.00	mileage, time
One Call Now	275.26	annual fee
Pepsi Cola	1,739.55	pop
Raco Stained Glass	12.50	brick
RDO- Johns Deere Cr	122.53	filters, kits
Runnings Supply	129.95	trimmer
S & S Lumber	684.05	supplies
SD Dept of Env & Nat Res	600.00	water annual fee
SD Dept of Health	123.00	testing
SD One Call	110.25	notifications
SD Public Assur Alliance	100.00	Leg BB bus ins
SD Retirement	8,233.68	retirement
SD Sec of State	30.00	notary renewal
SD State Treasurer	7,508.12	sales tax
Share Corp	1,401.25	solvent
Tony's Repair	480.00	repaint sign, door
US Postal Service	112.00	box rent
Verizon Wireless	41.61	data link
Walmart	232.63	supplies
WEB Water	11,441.93	water
Western Area Power Adm	25,935.92	power

The Safe Route to School grant funding may not cover all 15 blocks planned. The route may have to be shortened to make the money cover all costs.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to accept the SD Dept of Health grant for mosquito control. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the prices charged for burial lots in the Groton Union Cemetery and what land might be available and the costs if the cemetery expands. The discussion was tabled until more information is available.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Muilenburg to give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Ordinance #691, Cemetery Regulations. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Ordinance #692, Defining Nuisance Vehicles. All members present voted aye.

The location of the electronic speed sign on Main St has drawn attention to the 15 mph speed zone. No action was taken.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to place a stop sign on E 16<sup>th</sup> Ave at N 6<sup>th</sup> St. All members present voted aye.

A letter from NW Energy was read calling for increased wheeling rates for the power the City receives. Effective July 1, 2014 the cost will be raised to \$1.1914 per KW.

The pump for the golf course well will be installed on July 8.

A used swimming pool slide from the City of Huron is available. After studying the photos, several Council members will travel to Huron to further inspect the slide.

Quotations from the local newspapers were received and read aloud:

Groton Independent - \$.24 /legal line; \$3 for 30 words in classified and \$.10 for each additional word.

Groton Dakota Press - \$.25/legal line; \$3 for 20 words in classified and \$.10 for each additional word. Display Ads - \$3/col inch.

Both papers were asked if they would agree to the low quotations if appointed as official newspaper and each agreed. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Glover to declare both the Groton Independent and the Groton Dakota Press as official papers. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Blackmun to appoint the following banks as official depositories: 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Groton; Wells Fargo, Groton Branch; Dacotah Bank; and SD Public Funds Investment Trust. All members present voted aye. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to appoint the Finance Officer as the single audit accountable official and liaison for the federal and state grants. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the proposed Community Access grant project which would rebuild and resurface E Railroad Ave from the railroad track crossing near 6<sup>th</sup> St and US Hwy 12. The estimated cost has been revised to \$607,500; no letter has been received from the County to guarantee their matching funds; and Dirk Rogers County Road Supt was not able to attend the meeting. Discussion was held and decided that the City should not take over maintenance unless the road is totally rebuilt, but to continue the grant application. Moved by Glover and seconded by Muilenburg to pass the following resolution for the grant application. All members present voted aye.

**RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT,  
RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT FOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Groton is applying for a Community Access Grant through the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) for the City of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the SDDOT requires a 40 percent local match for the construction costs of a project up to a specified amount; and

WHEREAS, the SDDOT required the local government agency to be responsible for the maintenance of improved road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton is in full support of this project and grant application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Groton will provide the local match needed to supplement the SDDOT grant. This match will be 40 percent of the construction costs as shown in the grant application.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Groton will be responsible for maintenance of the improved road; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Groton expresses their full support and cooperation to the road improvement project and the SDDOT CAG application.

At 8:53pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:35pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to hire Erin Sternhagen as a pool lifeguard to teach swimming lessons and Brady Keith as baseball groundskeeper. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer